

CITY OF DETROIT FISCAL 2002/03 BUDGET

AGENCY 50 AUDITOR GENERAL

MISSION

The mission of the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) is to act as an independent, full-service appraisal function to examine and evaluate the City's activities in order to improve the accountability for public funds and to improve the operations of City government. We promote the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of City government, and protect against fraud, waste, and abuse, by conducting independent audits, investigations, and evaluations; by keeping the City Council and the Mayor fully and currently informed of our work; by committing to total quality; by adhering to the professional standards of the auditing profession; and by promoting an atmosphere of mutual trust, honesty, and integrity among OAG staff and the people we serve.

DESCRIPTION

The OAG performs audits of each City agency and prepares written reports that convey the resultant audit findings and recommendations to the City Council, the Mayor, and the management of each agency.

The OAG also performs special projects and other work, as requested by City Council, as initiated internally, or as required by City Code. Many of these projects result in formal reports or other communications to City Council. The Office also analyzes the Mayor's proposed City budget for City Council each fiscal year.

The annual financial audits of the City and its Federal financial assistance programs are performed by qualified outside auditors hired by the Office of the Auditor General. The Office of the Auditor General performs audits of each City agency and prepares written reports which convey the resultant findings and recommendations to the City Council, the Mayor, and the management of each agency.

GOALS

1. Improve the auditing and consulting capabilities of the OAG staff;
2. Improve the quality and timeliness of audit reports;
3. Complete a minimum of ten performance audits and ten financial audits.
4. Identify a minimum of \$10 million dollars of annual expense savings or increased collections.

DEPARTMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

| | GENERAL | |
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| | <u>FUND</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
| EXPENDITURES | \$3,106,533 | \$3,106,533 |
| REVENUES | <u>200,000</u> | <u>200,000</u> |
| NET TAX COST | \$2,906,533 | \$2,906,533 |
| POSITIONS | 26 | 26 |